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2.12.010 Composition. The fire department of the City of Harlowton shall consist of a chief, assistant-chief and the members of Hose Company Number One, Hose Company Number Two, and Hook and Ladder or Chemical Engine Company, who shall under the direction of the city council have the car and management of the apparatus and equipment and other property used for fire purposes.

2.12.020 Powers and Duties of Fire Chief. It shall be the duty of the chief to examine the condition of all property in the department, also to report the condition of the same to the city council quarterly, he shall report all fires and the cause of the same together with the name of owner and occupants and description of property immediately after the fire occurs. It shall be his duty to execute all orders of the mayor or the city council, and it shall be the duty of all subordinate officers and firemen to respect and obey the chief, or acting chief.

2.12.030 Assistant Chief. It shall be the duty of the assistant chief to assist the chief in all his duties at fires and in the absence of the chief, he shall have command. In the absence of both the chief and assistant chief, the captain of the company to reach the fire first, shall have command.





2.12.040 Organized Companies. The fire department shall consist of organized companies, as designated by the council, any of which shall not consist of more than eighteen members. Each fire company shall have charge of the property delivered to it, and shall keep the same in the best of order subject to the order of the chief.

2.12.050 Command at Fires. The duty of each fireman shall be to obey all orders given by the officers and upon the alarm of fire to rush to the place of fire with the apparatus and work and manage the same under the direction of the officer in command. No fire company shall leave any fire without the permission of the commanding officer. When the order is given by him, they shall return the same in good order to the proper place. The chief shall have power to suspend any member of the department for incapacity, misconduct or neglect of duty until such time as the company of which he is a member can hear the cause for such suspension, shall be enforced. A notice must be given to the accused to meet a council consisting of a majority of his company at which time the evidence for and against the accused shall be introduced.

2.12.060 Fire Apparatus for Private Purpose - Penalty. No person or persons shall make use of any of the fire apparatus for any private purpose, nor shall, without authority from the city council, remove the same from its proper place, and any person or persons violating this provision shall be subject to a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars. The chief shall on the first Monday of June and December of each year give the city council a list of members added and dismissed, and also the names of all members.

2.12.070 Records kept by City Clerk. The city clerk shall keep a record of the officers and members of the department for the purpose of determining the names of those who are entitled to exemptions or immunities allowed by law.

2.12.080 Tearing Down Buildings to Protect other Property. The officer in charge at any fire may direct the tearing down of any building if necessary to protect any other property.





2.12.090 Refusal to Assist--Penalty. The mayor or any councilperson, chief of police, chief of fire department, assistant chief or the officer commanding any company may request any male citizen in the city and any male by-standers to aid in conveying any fire apparatus to any fire or aid in working the same or in any other manner to help in extinguishing the fire in removing, guarding or protecting property. Any person or persons refusing such request shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars. All money collected under this ordinance shall be kept by the city treasurer in a fund known as the fire fund.

2.12.100 Interfering with or Obstructing Fire Personnel. The mayor or any city councilperson or officer of the department, and other police officer shall during any fire, arrest any suspected person resisting or obstructing any officer or member of the department from the performance of any duty or conducting himself in a disorderly manner and if necessary detain him in custody until he can be brought before a competent court for trial.

2.12.110 Entering Fire Limits. The commanding officer may during any fire prescribe fire-limits inside of which no person not residing therein or connected with the fire department or employed in helping to extinguish the fire shall be allowed to enter, and any person violating the provisions of this shall on conviction thereof, be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

2.12.120 Property Guards. The commanding officer may appoint as property guards such number of citizens as may be necessary to guard or protect any property at any fire, and the person or persons so appointed shall have the same power as the police officers during the time that they act, and for which they shall receive such compensation as the city council may allow.

2.12.130 Destruction of Fire Apparatus - Penalty. Any one who shall wilfully, maliciously or negligently break, destroy, or in any manner injure any fire apparatus belonging to the city or fire department shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars or more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.





2.12.140 Necessary Apparatus for use of Department. The city council shall from time to time procure the necessary apparatus for the use of the department and shall provide a convenient place for the keeping of the same.

2.12.150 Driving on Firehose - Penalty. Whenever any hose of the fire department is layed upon any street, avenue, alley or other highway, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive or propel any vehicle over the same. The owner or driver of such vehicle, upon conviction thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars or more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars or imprisonment in the city jail for twenty (20) days or both. No person shall insult, hinder, obstruct or without authority give any order to any fireman while on duty.

2.12.160 Rules for giving Signals and Sounding Alarm. The department shall adopt rules and directions for giving signals and sounding alarm for fire and shall have the power to order and change the same from time to time. All rules and changes shall be binding upon all members of the department.

2.12.170 Firemen Working with Police in Riots or Emergency. In case of riot or any sudden emergency occurring in the city when the police force requires immediate assistance or whenever the mayor may deem it necessary, the firemen by companies may be called to the assistance of the regular police and when so employed then shall possess all the power and privileges of the police, and the city council may furnish the firemen with the necessary equipment, and instructions to act in conjunction with the regular police, and when so acting they are to receive such pay for the service as the city council may award.

